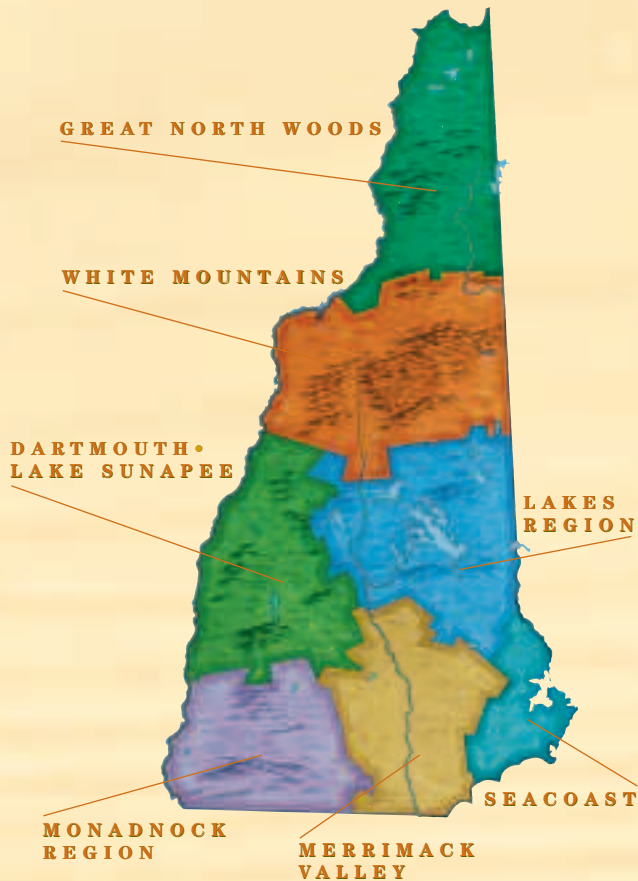
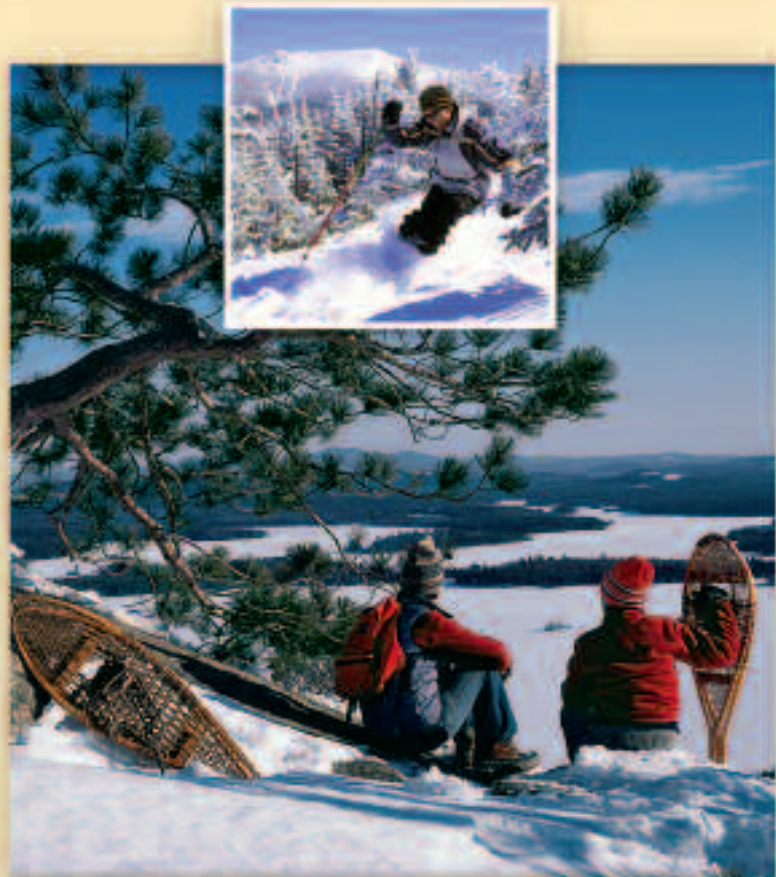


NEW HAMPSHIRE
EVENTS GUIDE
DECEMBER 2005 - FEBRUARY 2006



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- THRU DEC. 4

TRADITIONALLY YOURS CELEBRATION Jackson Village. Two fun-filled classic New England holiday traditional weekends filled with activities ranging from Santa's arrival on Nov. 25, 4:30pm to children's activities at the Enchanted Village Welcoming Center, the Jingle Bell Chocolate Tour, open houses and "oh... so much more." 383-9356. www.jacksonnh.com **WM** 🍷 🍷
- THRU DEC. 4

ALL MY SONS UNH Hennessy Theatre, Durham. In Arthur Miller's searing play, the devastation of World War II and the perfidy of a small manufacturing company intersect at the perfect home of a family that strives to achieve the American dream. Buried beneath a facade of pride, loyalty and even patriotism we find business corruption and a secret that can no longer be hidden. 862-2919. www.unh.edu/theatre-dance **SC** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 4

SANTA TRAINS Lincoln. The Santa Trains run on 11/25, 11/26, 12/3 & 12/4. Children get free gifts and meet with Santa to present their list for the holidays. Hot chocolate and cookies are available for sale, served by little Santa's helpers. Bring a camera! 279-5253 or 745-2135. www.santatrains.com **WM** 🍷 🍷
- THRU DEC. 8

LEAGUE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CRAFTSMEN 24TH BIENNIAL MEMBERS' JURIED EXHIBITION Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College, Keene. A juried selection of works in various media by league members. Over \$2,700 in exhibition awards. 358-2720. www.keene.edu/tsag **MN** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 9

INTO YOUR CLOSET: CREATIVE CLOTHING FROM THE LEAGUE Gallery 205, League of NH Craftsmen Headquarters, Concord. This exhibition is part of New Hampshire: The State of Art, which showcases Granite State art and artists at 26 museums and galleries throughout the state, from Sept.–Dec. 24. 224-3375. www.nhcrafts.org **MV** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 11

NEW HAMPSHIRE CRAFTERS FAIR The Rocks Estate, Bethlehem. Celebrate Christmas with the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests at their tree farm. Harvest your own trees, handmade wreaths, crafters fair, wagon rides and food provided by the local high school. 444-6228. www.therocks.org **WM** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 11

FRED WILSON IN THE HOOD Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover. The Hood has commissioned a major site-specific exhibition by internationally recognized artist Fred Wilson that reflects the museum's commitment to self-scrutiny, diversity and cultural sensitivity on the occasion of its twentieth anniversary. 646-2808. www.hoodmuseum.dartmouth.edu **DL** 🍷

- THRU DEC. 12

NETWORKS AND INTERSECTIONS: FINDING MEANING THROUGH COMPLEXITY The Art Gallery, Paul Creative Arts Center, 30 College Road, Durham. (Closed Nov. 23–27). Mon.–Wed. 10am–4 pm, Thurs. 10am–8pm, Sat.–Sun. 1–5pm, closed Fri., UNH holidays, and during exhibition changes. 862-3712. www.unh.edu/art-gallery **SC** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 12

LATIN AMERICAN GRAPHICS: THE EVOLUTION OF IDENTITY FROM THE MYTHICAL TO THE PERSONAL The Art Gallery, Paul Creative Arts Center 30, Durham. (Closed Nov. 23–27). Mon.–Wed. 10am–4pm, Thurs. 10am–8pm, Sat.–Sun. 1–5pm, closed Fri., UNH holidays, and during exhibition changes. 862-3712. www.unh.edu/art-gallery **SC** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 16

BIENNIAL 2005 Main Building and Citizens Bank Community Galleries at the NH Institute of Art, Manchester. A juried, statewide competition for New Hampshire artists featuring painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture and photography works. 623-0313. www.nhia.edu **MV** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 17

ANNUAL AUTUMN AREA ART EXHIBIT The Jaffrey Civic Center, Jaffrey. This last—and traditionally largest—show of the year brings all media forth to be viewed and sold. 532-6527. **MN** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 31

A CHANGING WORLD: THE PHOTOGRAPHS OF VERNER REED, 1950–1972 New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park Street, Concord. Nationally renowned photojournalist Verner Reed captured dramatic moments and everyday scenes that defined New England in the years following World War II. On loan from Historic New England (Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities). 228-6688. www.nhhistory.org **MV** 🍷 🏠
- THRU DEC. 31

NEW HAMPSHIRE ART TRAIL Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Self-guided tour through selected galleries, highlighting paintings, sculpture and decorative arts that were created in or of New Hampshire, or are the work of New Hampshire artists including a family-friendly New Hampshire art hunt for young visitors. 669-6144. www.currier.org **MV** 🍷
- THRU DEC. 31

POKER AND MONTE CARLO NIGHTS FOR CHARITY Holiday Inn, 9 Northeastern Blvd., Nashua. No-limit Hold 'Em tournaments begin at 7pm daily, 2pm Sat. and Sun. Entry fees \$25–\$135, some tournaments with re-buys. Single table mini-tournaments (\$50 buy-in, 1-hr. limit) every day. Games run weekdays 4pm–12am, Sat. and Sun. 1pm–12am. Players age 18+ are welcome. Proceeds benefit NH nonprofits. 930-4156. www.montecarlo-nh.com **MV** 🍷

EVENT CATEGORIES

🍷 = ARTS & CULTURE

🎵 = MUSIC

🏠 = HISTORY & HERITAGE

🚶 = SPORTS & RECREATION

🌲 = NATURE & THE OUTDOORS

🍷 = FESTIVALS, FAIRS & SEASONAL FUN

🍷 = ESPECIALLY FOR KIDS

EVENT LOCATIONS

DL = DARTMOUTH • LAKE SUNAPEE

GN = GREAT NORTH WOODS

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MV = MERRIMACK VALLEY

MN = MONADNOCK REGION

SC = SEACOAST

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





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- THRU DEC. 31** **LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE HOSPITALITY EXHIBIT** Lake Winnepesaukee Historical Society Museum, Rt. 3, Weirs, one mile north of the Weirs Beach sign. Experience the history and heritage of the big lake. Lake Winnepesaukee Hospitality showcases local cabin colonies of the 1940's-1960's. Open Mon.-Sat. 10am-2pm. Free admission. 366.5950. www.lwhs.us **LK** 
- THRU JAN. 1** **WHITE MOUNTAIN HOLIDAY MAGIC & LIGHT PARK** Branch Brook Campground, just off exit 28 of I-93, Campton. Animated holiday light display park with simple traditions like a visit with Santa or cocoa by the fire. Plus events, activities, lodging specials and more for the whole family all through central NH from Lincoln to Squam Lakes for the entire holiday season. 800-237-2307. www.HolidayMagicNH.com **WM**  
- THRU JAN. 2** **IN THE AMERICAN GRAIN: DOVE, HARTLEY, MARIN, O'KEEFE AND STIEGLITZ** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. This exhibition explores the work of these innovative artists and the important relationship between them and Phillips Collection founder Duncan Phillips, who showed a tireless commitment to living American artists. Organized by the Phillips Collection, Washington, DC. 669-6144. www.currier.org **MV** 
- THRU JAN. 5** **ART FOR HOLIDAY GIVING** Robert Lincoln Levy Gallery, Portsmouth. This is that perfect opportunity to get the unique gift of an original piece of art. Member artists will present their works framed and unframed and priced for that special gift. 431-4230. **SC**  
- THRU JAN. 9** **A RECORD OF FRIENDSHIP: LOTTE JACOBI'S PRE-WAR PHOTOGRAPHS** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **MV**  
- THRU FEB. 12** **COL-LEC-TA-NE-A: THE MUSEUM AS HUNTER AND GATHERER** Gutman Gallery, Hood Museum of Art, Dartmouth College, Hanover. Illuminates the broader social history of the Hood by exploring the diverse authors of its collection history. 646-2808. **DL**  
- THRU MAR. 18** **VICTORIAN SECRETS** Charles F. Whittemore Discovery Gallery at the Millyard Museum, 200 Bedford St., Manchester. Manchester is a Victorian city; her wealth and foundations were laid during 1837-1901. Secrets are revealed when the MHA takes a closer look at the customs and carryings-on of Manchester's Victorians as seen through their homes, personal effects and memorabilia. 622-7531. www.manchesterhistorical.org **MV**  
- THRU APR. 9** **TRADITIONAL ENGLISH TEAS** Topiary at Owl's Rest Farm, 252 Brook Road, Sanbornton. Traditional English Afternoon Tea includes: scones, savories, cookies and freshly brewed English tea! Dine on the porch, at fireside or in the gardens (when weather permits). Complimentary tour of the gardens included. Groups welcome but seating is limited and reservations are required. 934-3221. www.thetopiary.com **LK** 
- THRU JUN. 4** **THE TREASURES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE** New Hampshire Historical Society, Tuck Library, Concord. More than 100 of the most interesting objects from the museum's decorative arts collection will be on display, from fine quilts to Revolutionary War artifacts. 228-6688. **MV**  


THRU JUN. 15 **CONTRA DANCE: SECOND FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH** 669 Union St., Manchester. With live traditional contra dance music by local musicians. Bring clean soft-soled shoes, drinking water. Beginners, families, singles welcome; no partner necessary. All dances taught. For other dances, check 529-1586. www.thedancegypsy.com **MV** 

THRU JUL. 15 **ZIMMERMAN HOUSE TWILIGHT TOUR** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Visit the Currier's Zimmerman House, designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in 1950, during this special evening tour. Tickets \$11-\$17; reservations required. 669-6144 ext 108. Make reservations online at www.currier.org and using Ticketweb. **MV**  



DECEMBER

DEC. 1 **EXETER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Downtown Exeter. Join the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce for a special evening hosted by local merchants. Shops will be open late and will serve refreshments. There will be a magical Christmas tree lighting, Santa's arrival, hayrides and more. 772-2411. www.exeterarea.org **SC** 

DEC. 1 **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. A beloved theatrical tradition since 1995, the Nebraska Theatre Caravan production of "A Christmas Carol" has delighted thousands of audience members with a magical staging of the story that captures the true heart and soul of the Christmas holiday: the warmth, the wisdom and the joy of the season. Underwritten by Citizens Bank Foundation. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV**  

DEC. 1 **EXETER FESTIVAL OF TREES** Exeter Town Hall, Front Street, Exeter. A collection of 35+ Christmas trees decorated and sponsored by local businesses will be on display and up for bid in a silent auction. 772-2411. www.exeterarea.org **SC** 

DEC. 1-4 **THE NUTCRACKER** The Palace Theatre, Manchester. Join a cast of guest artists and performers from the Southern NH Dance Theater for the annual production of Tchaikovsky's classic ballet. Accompanied by the Palace Festival Orchestra. Performances: Dec. 1: 7pm, Dec. 2: 8pm, Dec. 3: 2 & 8pm, Dec. 4: 1 & 4pm. 668-5588. www.palacetheatre.org **MV**  

DEC. 1-31 **SNOWFLAKE FESTIVAL** Portsmouth. Pro Portsmouth presents this cornucopia of holiday events. Snowflake, is, in fact, a brochure that notes theatre productions, choral performances, historic events and special Downtown business Holiday activities. The Festival opens with the Christmas Tree Lighting and culminates with First Night Portsmouth. 433-4398. www.proportsmouth.org **SC**  

DEC. 2 **PORTSMOUTH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING** Market Square, Downtown Portsmouth. Join in the fun as we welcome in the 2005 holiday season with the Christmas Tree Lighting in Market Square. Music and song precede the flipping of the switch and the countdown! 433-4398. www.proportsmouth.org **SC**  

DEC. 2 **LATE NIGHT MADNESS** Main Street, Colebrook. Sponsored by CDDA Main Street Program. Shopping, caroling, hayrides, Christmas trees and traditional family activities. 237-8939. www.northcountrychamber.org **GN** 

- DEC. 3** **PICTURES WITH A CLYDESDALE** Anheuser-Busch Brewery, Merrimack. Bring your camera and have your picture taken with a world-famous Budweiser Clydesdale. 595-1202. www.budweisertours.com **mv** 🍷 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 3** **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR** St. Stanislaus Hall, Nashua. Join the fun and find special gifts at the Christmas Craft Fair. Exhibits will include holiday decor, handcrafted jewelry, handpainted clothing and pocketbooks, quilts, stained glass, gourmet foods/herbal dips/fudge, gift baskets, gorgeous floral arrangements and wreaths, folk art, handpainted furniture, and lots more! 528-4014. www.joycescraftshows.com **mv** 🍷
- DEC. 3** **BIG APPLE EXPRESS** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Ride a deluxe coach to New York City with friends or family and spend the day as you wish: museums, shops, restaurants or theater! \$50 for members; \$65 for non-members. Include transportation only. Call to reserve your seats. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **mv** 🍷
- DEC. 3** **HOMETOWN HOLIDAY PARADE** Main Street, Plymouth. Annual parade features floats, bands, kids and, of course, Santa who arrives by firetruck at the end of the parade! Visit with Santa and enjoy some cocoa following the parade at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center. 536-1001. www.plymouthnh.org **lk** 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 3** **12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR** Somersworth High School, Somersworth. 692-5869 **sc** 🍷
- DEC. 3** **LIVINGSTON TAYLOR HOLIDAY CONCERT** Old Meeting House, Francestown. Taylor's stories are as entertaining as his music, and he is known for creating a wonderful rapport with audiences. His repertoire includes hits such as *I Will Always be in Love with You* and *I'll Come Running*. Tickets \$25 in advance (\$35 for choice seating and a wine & cheese reception with Taylor); \$30 at door if not sold out. Contact Lisa Phillips 547-6353. aine@erols.com **mn** 🎵
- DEC. 3** **SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS** Conway Scenic Railroad, Rt. 16 North Conway. Ride the Santa Claus Express at Conway Scenic Railroad where Santa will be on board carrying a surprise in his bag for each child on board. Reservations not required. Train Station and Depot open at 10:30am 356-5251. www.conwayscenic.com **wm** 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 3** **CHRISTMAS IN STRAFFORD** Strafford. Where artisans open their homes and studios for the holiday season. Maps of the artisans participating are available locally in Strafford, Barrington, Epsom and Northwood, or for more information call 664-5609. **mv** 🍷
- DEC. 3** **CANDLELIGHT STROLL** Strawberry Banke Museum, Portsmouth. The quaint lanes of Strawberry Banke Museum are aglow with hundreds of luminaria, the historic homes are festively decorated, and the alluring scents and sounds of the holiday season fill the air. Bring the whole family to experience American mid-winter traditions past and present. 433-1100. www.strawberrybanke.org **sc** 🍷
- DEC. 4** **GALLERY TOUR: INTRODUCTION TO THE PERMANENT COLLECTION** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Learn about European and American sculpture, painting and decorative arts with a museum docent. Free with admission. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **mv** 🍷
- DEC. 4** **FREE LECTURE: AT HOME IN AMERICA 1750–1870** The Tuck Library, Concord. Elisabeth Garrett, Vice President for Collections and Interpretation, Strawberry Banke Museum. 228-6688. **mv** 🍷
- DEC. 4** **EMPIRE BRASS HOLIDAY CONCERT** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Empire Brass enjoys an international reputation as North America's finest brass ensemble. Be there as they return to the Capitol Center to celebrate the holidays! 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎵
- DEC. 4** **GREATER ROCHESTER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOLIDAY PARADE** Rochester. The theme for this year's parade is "Neighborhood Christmas." The parade begins at 3pm on Wakefield Street by the triangle at the entrance to the Richard Creteau Technology Center and travels south on Wakefield Street, turning onto Union Street and then south on North Main Street to Rochester Commons. 332-5080. www.rochesternh.org **sc** 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 4** **SANTA COMES TO TOWN** Colebrook Elementary School, Colebrook. 12:30pm with lighting of town tree in front of Jenkins Funeral Home. Kiwanis Christmas Party at 1pm at CES Gym. 237-8939. www.northcountrychamber.org **gn** 🍷
- DEC. 5** **YULETIDE TOUR** Bristol. A holiday tour through the historic B&Bs and inns of Newfound Lake to see them decorated in their finest holiday decorations. Ticket includes the tour, a progressive meal and a chance at the raffle to win a free night's stay in one of the bed and breakfasts or inns. 744-8689. www.newfoundlakeregionassociation.org **lk** 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 7** **ARTBREAK: SLIDE LECTURE/DISCUSSION** The Art Gallery, Paul Creative Arts Center, Durham. Lecture/Discussion on Latin American culture by Francis McCann, professor of history, UNH. Weekday parking is available in C Lot (across from the Mill Road Shopping Center) at \$1 per hour. 862-3712. www.unh.edu/art-gallery **sc** 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 9–10** **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** The Palace Theatre, Manchester. This uniquely adapted version of Charles Dickens' classic is filled with merry songs and lively dance. With help from the three spirits, Scrooge's incredible journey is sure to warm your hearts. 668-5588. www.palacetheatre.org **mv** 🍷 🍷
- DEC. 10** **PRECIOUS GEMS** Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua. *O Magnum Mysterium* invokes the magic of the season with the rich sound of the Choral Society under the direction of Associate Conductor Richard A.A. Larraga, with the warm tones of the symphony's brass. Includes works by Gabrieli, Britten and Victoria and traditional carols. 595-9156. www.nashuasymphony.org **mv** 🎵
- DEC. 10** **2ND ANNUAL JACKSON YANKEE SWAP** Red Fox Bar & Grille, Jackson. A traditional New England holiday activity. Santa will be on hand for the kids. Have dinner at the Red Fox Bar & Grille before the Yankee Swap begins at 7pm. All prizes are valued at over \$100. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$10 to win a seat in the swap. Winners announced at 7pm that night. Must be present to win. 383-9356. www.jacksonnh.com **wm** 🍷
- DEC. 10** **CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY—A HOUSE TOUR** Old Meeting House, jct. Rts. 136 & 47, Francestown. Dec 11 snow date. A holiday house tour featuring 8 exquisitely decorated homes. Refreshments will be served throughout the day in the c.1801 Old Meeting House, overlooking the village common. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, contact merlen@excelonline.com or 547-8863. Day of the tour, tickets are \$25 at OMH. **mn** 🍷 🍷

- DEC. 10** **CREAM OF THE CROP COMEDY SHOW** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Stand-up starring Boston's hottest comics, including Brian Kiley, comedy writer for The Conan O'Brien Show who's been nominated for 7 Emmy Awards; Frank Santorelli, a 2-time Boston Comedy Festival Finalist who portrays Georgie "The Bartender" on *The Sopranos*; and Ira Proctor, a regular at Vegas comedy clubs. Not for children. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV** 📞
- DEC. 10** **HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR** Begins at New London Inn, 353 Main Street, New London. The Fells' biennial self-guided tour of seven historic and contemporary homes beautifully decked for the holidays. Includes the old King Ridge Ski Lodge. 763-4789. www.thefells.org **DL** 📞 📱
- DEC. 10** **6TH ANNUAL REINDEER RUN 5K RACE AND WALK** Colby-Sawyer College's Lodge, New London. This 3.1-mile race/walk is a family-friendly event that includes prizes for the most festive race attire. Long-sleeved logo t-shirts to the first 100 registrants. Raffle prizes and prizes for place finishers. 526-6575. www.lakesunapeenh.org **DL** 📞
- DEC. 10-11** **SANTA CLAUS EXPRESS** Conway Scenic Railroad, Rt. 16 North Conway. Ride the "Santa Claus" Express at Conway Scenic Railroad. Santa will be carrying a surprise in his bag for each child on board. Reservations not required. Train Station and Depot open at 10:30am. 356-5251. www.conwayscenic.com **WM** 📞 📱
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- DEC. 10-18** **SANTA TRAINS ON THE HOBO RAILROAD** Hobo Railroad Station, Rt. 112, Lincoln. Santa Train departs at 2pm weekends only. \$12 per person. Santa has a gift for each child. Hot chocolate & cookies sold on the Santa Train. Exit 32 on Rt 93, left at end of ramp look for the "Hobo Hills Mini Golf"; turn on to road before it and you are at Santa Trains. 745-2135. www.santatrains.com **WM** 📞 📱
- DEC. 10-JAN. 8** **PETER PAN** Seacoast Repertory Theatre. Portsmouth. James M. Barries captured the imagination of generations with his fantasy of a young boy who leaves his home in Never Never Land to take three children on the journey of a lifetime. Filled with classic themes of good and evil, justice and redemption, Peter Pan sings in all our hearts with unforgettable melodies. 433-4472. www.seacoastrep.org **SC** 📞 📱
- DEC. 11** **HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE** Downtown, Laconia. Includes activities such as visits & photo ops with Santa and Mrs. Claus, horse drawn hayrides, chestnuts roasting, and more with holiday cheer (food and music) and holiday shopping. 524-1308. www.laconiamainstreet.org **LK** 📞 📱
- DEC. 11** **REMICK MUSEUM'S VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS** 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Tour the Captain Enoch Remick House, c. 1808, adorned with Victorian toys and festive decorations. Visit the museum center for a taste of the past: sample an array of traditional Christmas food and drink, tour an exhibit on the history of the Christmas holiday; learn how to make simple, beautiful Christmas crafts. 323-7591. www.remickmuseum.org **LK** 📞 📱
- DEC. 11** **HOLIDAY HISTORIC HOME TOUR** Historic Wilton Center, Wilton. Tour includes a limousine chauffeured ride to 10 separate homes, a guided tour through their holiday-decorated interiors and finishes with High Tea. Proceeds benefit the Wilton Main Street Assn. and the 2nd Congregational Church of Wilton. Contact Tracy Bardsley at 654-3020. www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us **MN** 📞 📱
- DEC. 11** **IN THE AMERICAN GRAIN** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Join a Currier docent for a gallery tour of the Stieglitz Circle artists' works. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **MV** 📞
- DEC. 15** **ENGLISH HANDBELL CHOIR OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF PELHAM** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Enjoy the sound of hand bells on the museum balcony in a performance of Christmas songs and hymns. Suitable for all ages! Free with admission. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **MV** 📱
- DEC. 16-31** **9TH ANNUAL SKATE WITH SANTA** Rochester Ice Arena, Rochester. Skate with Santa, family and friends while the lights are turned down low and your favorite holiday music is played. Fast-&-Easy-to-Buckle skate rentals, heated seats and food concessions are available. A charity event that has generated thousands of pounds of food for Gerry's Food Pantry over the past 8 years. 332-4120. www.rochesterrec.com **SC** 📞 📱
- DEC. 16** **CAMPTON VILLAGE HOLIDAY DINNER WALK** Campton. After visiting the Holiday Magic and Light Park, stop by the annual Innwalk, a casual progressive dinner including soup and bread at The Mountain Fare Inn, roast pork and potatoes at The Campton Inn, and desserts at The Sunny Grange B&B. The inns are all within an easy walk of each other so come enjoy the food, music, and festivities! 726-5555. www.sunnygrange.com **WM** 📞
- DEC. 16-17** **THE NUTCRACKER** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. From the giant Christmas tree to the sword-wielding mice to the dancing snowflakes, *The Nutcracker* is a breathtaking vision. Join Clara on her unforgettable journey to the Land of Snow and the Kingdom of Sweets. Presented in its entirety by St. Paul School Ballet Company. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV** 📞 📱
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- DEC. 17** **DRAWING IN THE GALLERIES** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Draw a painting or sculpture in the Currier's permanent collection with an Art Center instructor available to help. This program suitable for ages eight years to adult. Bring your own drawing supplies or use the ones that are supplied. Free with admission. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **MV** 📞
- DEC. 17** **HEARTHSTONE DINNER AT THE REMICK MUSEUM** 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Experience the warmth and charm of a recreated early 19th-century Hearthside Dinner. Costumed interpreters assist participants in preparing a nourishing meal on the hearth using historic recipes and ingredients preserved fresh from the harvest. Pre-registration is required. 323-7591. www.remickmuseum.org **LK** 📱

- DEC. 17** **ART WALK** Downtown and the Millyard, Nashua. Explore something new, whether it's our fine arts and crafts, artist demonstrations, or historic architecture. Nashua's galleries and studios have something for everyone! 883-5700. www.artwalknashua.com **mv** 🎨 📅
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- DEC. 18** **CHARLES DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Newport Opera House, Newport. Get in the Christmas spirit as you enjoy this classic Dickens tale of greed, lost love, redemption and joy. This is a special performance told in words and music by a community group from New London, NH under the direction of David Cleveland and brought to Newport by the Opera House Association. 863-2412. www.newportoperahouse.com **dl** 🎨 📅
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- DEC. 19** **NH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY POPS** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Kenneth Keisler, Musical Director. Holiday Pops with guest vocalists performing traditional holiday favorites. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 20-21** **TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS** The Palace Theatre, Manchester. A realistically-styled fantasy based upon imaginary speculations about the inspiration for Clement Moore's famous poem, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Excellent holiday play for the entire family. A new holiday tradition! 10am. 668-5588. www.palacetheatre.org **mv** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 22-31** **CHRISTMAS CAROL RAG** The Barnstormers Theatre, Tamworth. A musical by Norman Allen (with apologies to Charles Dickens), a new twist on the classic tale. Evelyn Scrooge is running a sweat shop in New York City in the early 1900's. Fun for the whole family; filled with traditional Christmas music and classic ragtime tunes. 323-8500. www.barnstormerstheatre.com **lk** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 28** **TORCHLIGHT PARADE** The BALSAMS Wilderness Ski Area, Colebrook. Entertainment begins at 8pm. The actual torchlight parade begins at approx. 9:30pm. It depends when the children that are guests come over from the main hotel via hayride. For more information 237-8939. www.thebalsams.com/calendar.cfm, www.northcountrychamber.org **gn** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 28** **IN THE AMERICAN GRAIN** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. Bring the family to learn about jazz by the Musicians of Wall Street who play guitar, bass and saxophone. Listen to familiar children's songs with a jazz beat. Complete an art activity inspired by the exhibition with Currier Art Center instructor, John O'Shaughnessy. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **mv** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 29** **ALFRED STIEGLITZ: THE ELOQUENT EYE** Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. This film explores Alfred Stieglitz's photography and his promotion of modern art in New York City at the beginning of the twentieth century. Free with admission. 669-6144 ext 108. www.currier.org **mv** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 31** **FIRST NIGHT WOLFEBORO** Various venues, Wolfeboro. A variety of entertainment for all ages, including two sets of fireworks. Headquarters in the train station at the Wolfeboro Area Chamber of Commerce. Transportation to and from venues is provided free of charge. 569-2200. www.wolfeborochamber.com **lk** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 31** **NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY** Children's Museum of Portsmouth. Ring in the New Year a little early. Visit the museum during special holiday hours on Dec. 31, and ring in 2006 at a unique New Year's celebration designed especially for children and their families. For a specific schedule of events, visit www.childrens-museum.org. 436-3853. **sc** 🎨 📅
- DEC. 31** **FIRST NIGHT PORTSMOUTH 2006** Downtown, Portsmouth. Proudly presented by Pro Portsmouth! Join in the fun as we say farewell to 2005 with music, dance, ice sculptures and fireworks. 433-4398. www.proportsmouth.org **sc** 🎨 📅

JANUARY

- JAN. 8** **MEXICAN THREE KINGS DAY AND EPIPHANY CELEBRATION** Mariposa Museum, Peterborough. Storytelling, baking Twelfth Night Cake or Roscas de Reyes, crafts and the arrival of the Three Kings bearing gifts may be included. 2pm. 924-4555. www.mariposamuseum.org **mn** 🎨 📅
- JAN. 8** **FREE LECTURE: COMMON THREADS: HISTORIC NEEDLEWORK SAMPLERS** The Tuck Library, Concord. Pamela Parmal, curator of textiles and costumes, Museum of Fine Art. 228-6688. **mv** 🎨 📅
- JAN. 14** **WHOLE GRAIN WORKSHOP AT THE REMICK MUSEUM** 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Processing dried grains into flour has been a long-standing practice in New England. We'll grind our own flour from some of the heartier whole grains; and talk about some of their traditional uses. Then we'll do some simple baking from the flour we've made. Pre-registration required. 323-7591. www.remickmuseum.org **lk** 🎨 📅
- JAN. 14** **COLEBROOK SKI-BEES 35-MILE LOOP POKER RUN** The Spa Restaurant & Outback Pub, Rt. 3, Stewartstown. Registration at 9am. Donations \$5/hand, fun & prizes all day. 237-8939. www.colebrookski-bees.com, www.northcountrychamber.org **gn** 🎨 📅
- JAN. 20-FEB. 19** **SMOKEY JOE'S CAFE** Seacoast Repertory Theatre, 125 Bow Street, Portsmouth. Smokey Joe's Café® is a blast from the past! This fabulous revue of 1950's tunes is a trip down memory lane for some and a chance for younger audiences to see where today's music styles originated. This medley of great songs, dancing and costumes is sure to please. 433-4472. www.seacoastrep.org **sc** 🎨 📅
- JAN. 21** **BEST OF NORTH SHORE COMEDY II** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. A night of stand-up starring Robbie Printz, who's appeared on MTV, and Comedy Central, and Tom Hayes, voted Showtime's Best Comic. Also starring Caroline Plummer and musical guest, The Grinning Lizards. Not recommended for children. Presented by North Shore Comedy. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎨 📅

JAN. 21-22 **SUNCOOK VALLEY CHORALE** St. John the Evangelist Church, Concord. "A Night at the Opera" choral concert. 485-5862. **mv** 🎵

JAN. 26 **B.B. KING** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. B.B. King's reign as King of the Blues has been as long as any monarch on earth. For more than half a century, he has defined blues for a worldwide audience. A 13-time Grammy award winner, King returns to the intimate atmosphere at the Capitol Center. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎵

JAN. 27-29 **NH SANCTIONED & JACKSON INVITATIONAL SNOW SCULPTING EVENT** Jackson Village Park, Jackson. Begins with a welcome reception Italian dinner and an opportunity to meet the sculptors on Sat. night where you can enjoy sleigh rides, kid's winter fun, snow sculpting exhibits and a torch light parade at Black Mtn. Ski Area. 383-9356. www.jacksonnh.com **wm** ❄️ 🎨

JAN. 28 **PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH** The Palace Theatre, Manchester. Here are Milo's adventures in the Land of Wisdom where he is forced to think about many new things. 668-5588. www.palacetheatre.org **mv** 🎭 🎵 🎨

JAN. 28 **HEARTSIDE DINNER AT THE REMICK MUSEUM** 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Experience the warmth and charm of a recreated early 19th-century hearthside dinner. Costumed interpreters assist participants in preparing a nourishing meal on the hearth using historic recipes and ingredients preserved fresh from the harvest. Pre-registration is required. 323-7591. www.remickmuseum.org **lk** 🍴

JAN. 28-FEB. 19 **JAMES AND THE GIANT PEACH** Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Portsmouth. Roald Dahl's adventurous story comes hilariously to life in this musical tale of James and his travels as he escapes his terrible Aunt Spiker and mean Aunt Sponge inside a giant peach filled with zany giant insects. 433-4472. www.seacoastrep.org **sc** 🎭 🎵 🎨

F E B R U A R Y

FEB. 2 **BOWFIRE** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Bowfire brings the violin to a whole new level in a musical theatrical production that has critics raving and audiences leaping to their feet. The show features many of the world's top violinists and fiddlers in one electrifying performance that showcases styles as diverse as classical rock, bluegrass, jazz, gypsy, Texas-style, country, Celtic and electric. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎵

FEB. 3 **AILEY II** Silver Cultural Arts Center, Plymouth. Acclaimed junior company of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre emphasizes a balance of repertoire, technique and performance merging the spirit and energy of the best young dance talent with the passion and creative vision of today's most outstanding emerging choreographers. 536-1182. www.friends-of-the-arts.org **lk** 🎭

FEB. 4 **CINNAMON BREAD WORKSHOP AT THE REMICK MUSEUM** 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Our bread baking workshops continue to be one of our most popular. We'll make the dough, put together a loaf of cinnamon bread to bake and taste the end product. Pre-registration required. 323-7591. www.remickmuseum.org **lk** 🍞

FEB. 4 **HIDDEN CHARMS** Keefe Auditorium, Nashua. Discover great soloists from within the NSA. Concertmaster Elliott Markow and trumpeter Richard Watson. A romantic tour de force. 595-9156. www.nashuasymphony.org **mv** 🎵

FEB. 10 **CAPITOL STEPS** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. 12th Annual CATCH Comedy Night. This acclaimed troupe of congressional-staffers-turned-musical-satirists presents sketches and parody songs based on whatever may be the scandal of the day such as *Duke of Oil*, *Sheik to Sheik*, *Turban Cowboy* and *Send in the Clones*. Proceeds benefit the Concord Area Trust for Community Housing. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎭

FEB. 10-12 **FROSTBITE FOLLIES WINTER CARNIVAL** Various locations in Bethlehem, Bretton Woods, Franconia, Lisbon, Littleton, Sugar Hill, Twin Mountain and Whitefield/Littleton. Fun-filled weekend including: parade, fireworks, entertainment, dancing, skiing, skating, sleigh rides, children's events, cardboard box races, frozen turkey bowling and more! 444-6561. www.frostbitefollies.com **wm** ❄️ 🎭 🎵 🎨

FEB. 11 **TAKE YOUR SWEETHEART TO A DESSERTED ISLE AND AUCTION FANTASTIQUE** Hampshire Hills, Wilton. Annual chocolate event now including all desserts and Auction Fantastique. A delight for the senses, this elegant evening will feature dessert wines, exotic desserts and live musical entertainment. To donate a dessert or auction item, contact the Wilton Main Street Assn. office. 654-3020. www.mainstreet.wilton.nh.us **mn** 🍫

FEB. 11 **REMICK MUSEUM'S WINTER CARNIVAL & ICE HARVESTING FESTIVAL** 58 Cleveland Hill Road, Tamworth. Try your hand at cutting blocks of ice using the same techniques and tools as our New England ancestors. The Yankee Teamsters 4-H Working Steers Club help load freshly cut ice blocks into our ice house. Chinooks Worldwide Inc. give dog sled rides to children weather permitting. 323-7591. www.remickmuseum.org **lk** ❄️ 🍴

FEB. 11 **6TH ANNUAL COLEBROOK WINTER CARNIVAL** Colebrook. 10am snow sculpture contest. 10am-4pm cardboard box derby; ice carving demo & auction of sculptures; Little Jack Frost & Little Miss Snowflake Pageant. 11am snow tube relay. 12-3pm dog sled rides \$1 each; free with button purchase. Tickets: Bouchard's Northern Outlet, Kelly's Hallmark, Hicks Hardware, Ducret's Sporting Goods. 237-8010. www.northcountrychamber.org **gn** ❄️ 🎭 🎵 🎨

FEB. 11 **RAY, THE CONCERT (AND FRIENDS)** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. The timeless genius of Ray Charles is brought to life by Las Vegas Legends in Concert superstar Pete Peterkin, who'll be joined by special guests stars performing the music of Ray's soul mates: Stevie Wonder, Tina Turner, James Brown, Marvin Gaye and Aretha Franklin. A night of classic hits. A Harvey Robbins Production. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **mv** 🎵

FEB. 11 **3RD ANNUAL WINTERFEST** Downtown, Laconia. Coincides with the annual Laconia Sled Dog Races, now held downtown, provided we have snow on Sat. of the weekend's races. (Feb. 10-12) Fun activities like the Human Sled Dog Race, snowball tossing, turkey bowling, roasting marshmallows (s'mores), ice sculptures and more. 524-1308. www.laconiamainstreet.org **lk** ❄️ 🎭 🎵 🎨

FEB. 11 **7TH ANNUAL NORTH COUNTRY FIREFIGHTERS' RIDE-IN AND POKER RUN** Colebrook Fire Dept., Colebrook. Prizes for best costume, most participants from a single fire depart. & more. Registration 8am–noon; ends by 3pm at the Beecher Falls Fire Station. Poker Run \$5 per hand, \$20 per family. Call Joel Young at 538-6563, Steve Young at 266-8963, or Brett Brooks at 237-4853 (eve.). 538-6563. www.northcountrychamber.org **GN** 🍷 🍷

FEB. 11 **WINTER CARNIVAL DANCE** Newport Opera House, Newport. Warm up your winter while you dance to the sounds of “Last Kid Picked.” The oldest event of its kind in the country featuring ice sculpting, skating on the Common and the Queen & Princess Pageant. 863-2412. www.newportoperahouse.com **DL** 🍷

FEB. 12 **PHILHARMONIC—RECITAL** Currier Currier Museum of Art, Manchester. The Philharmonic Chamber Players (concertmaster Elliott Markow, principal cellist Gary Hodges and violist Mimi Bravar) present piano quartets with pianist Arlene Kies of the UNH faculty. 647-6476. www.nhphil.org **MV** 🎵

FEB. 12 **DIE FLEDERMAUS** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Helikon Opera returns with its novel and daring staging concepts and brilliant vocals. Formed 10 years ago in Moscow, the company provides a radical alternative to traditional opera, stripping away many of the conventional trappings, to produce a rare theatrical intensity. Sung in Italian with English surtitles projected above the stage. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV** 🎵

FEB. 15–19 **THE PALESTINIAN** UNH Johnson Theatre, Durham. How have the media and a post 9/11 environment shaped our views about the Palestinians? What do we see? How near or far is that image from any semblance of reality? Actors will confront their own beliefs, prejudices, sympathies and fears, and will contrast them against the realities of Palestinian life. Parental discretion strongly advised. 862-2919. www.unh.edu/theatre-dance **SC** 🍷 🍷

FEB. 16 **INTO THE WOODS** The Palace Theatre, Manchester. An ambivalent Cinderella? A blood-thirsty Little Red Riding Hood? A Prince Charming with a roving eye? A witch... who raps? They're all among the cockeyed characters in James Lapine and Stephen Sondheim's fractured fairy tale. Everyone's wish is granted at the end of Act One, but the consequences of their actions return to haunt them later. 668-5588. www.palacetheatre.org **MV** 🍷

FEB. 16 **MARINA RADYUSHYNA, PIANO** Silver Center for the Arts, Plymouth. For information or tickets, 535-ARTS or 800-779-3869. www.silver.plymouth.edu **UK** 🎵

FEB. 19 **FLAMENCO VIVO** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Carlota Santana has been called “the keeper of flamenco,” and with good reason. Her company of sensuous dancers captures the universal spirit of flamenco with passionate music, brilliantly colored costumes and unbridled, energetic dancing. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV** 🍷

FEB. 20 **FIESTA FLAMENCA: THE SPIRIT AND CULTURE** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. The rhythms and feelings of Flamenco are vividly captured in this colorful and educational program, which features four professional company members. You'll learn about the many cultures that influenced flamenco dance—Gypsy, Judaic, and Arabic—and how in turn Spanish culture influenced the Americas. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV** 🍷

FEB. 23 **THE 12TH VAN CLIBURN INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION GOLD MEDALIST** Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. Conducted every four years since 1962, this competition is dedicated to the discovery of the world's finest young pianists. Performance by the 2005 Gold Medalist, Russian pianist Alexander Kobrin. 225-1111. www.ccanh.com **MV** 🎵

FEB. 24–MAR. 5 **GODSPELL—SCHOOL EDITION** Seacoast Repertory Theatre, Portsmouth. One of the biggest theatrical successes of all time, based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew. This high-energy musical recreates the parables through clowning, charades, interaction and recognizable character using familiar songs such as *Day by Day*, *All Good Gifts* and *Turn Back, O'Man*. 433-4472. www.seacoastrep.org **SC** 🍷 🍷

FEB. 25 **PITTSBURG RIDGE RUNNERS STEAK FEED & POKER RUN** Clubhouse on Dickson Lane, Pittsburg. Serving 1–4pm, \$14.95, children 10 & under \$8.95. Poker Run to benefit Class of 2006, 9am to Noon. 237-8939. www.northcountrychamber.org **GN** 🍷 🍷



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